

Federal Symposium on Coastal Habitat Restoration

DRAFT Agenda

Wednesday, July 28th

8:00 – 8:30am **Registration**

8:30 – 9:00am **Opening Remarks/Introductions**

- Context: Estuary Restoration Act
- Purpose and goals of Symposium

9:00 – 12:30 **Coastal Habitat Restoration Goals, Objectives & Priorities**

9:00 - 10:00

National Goals

- Overview: findings re: survey feedback (NOAA)
 - Table of participating programs: goals and objectives
- Group Q&A/discussion
 - Are any goals missing?
 - Are there key goals that we are not moving toward?

10:00 – 10:15

Break

10:15 – 12:30

Regional Priorities

- Session Introduction
- Presentations: Methods for Priority-Setting
 - FWS/Private Stewardship Grants Program
 - NOAA/Landscape Characterization and Restoration Program
 - ACOE/CWPPRA
- Break-out Session
 - Questions:
 - Should there be a unified approach to priority-setting?
 - Should interagency priorities be set?
 - Best approaches from presented programs?
 - Other criteria/mechanisms?
 - Pros/cons of criteria?
 - Brief report-out from break-out session

12:30 – 1:45 **LUNCH BREAK** (on your own)

2:00 – 4:45 **Restoration—Measuring Success**

2:00 – 3:30

Restoration Monitoring

- Session Introduction
- Monitoring Presentations
 - ERA Minimum Monitoring Requirements
 - Community-based Program Interpretation of MMR
- Group Q&A/Discussion

3:30 – 3:45

Break

3:45 – 4:45

Restoration Research Break-out Session

- Brief session introduction, instructions (5 minutes)
- Questions:
 - Key research priorities
 - Which programs assess functional success?
 - Mechanisms for coordinating our efforts (to avoid duplication and combine resources)
- Report-out from break-out session

4:45 – 5:00 **Wrap-up**

Thursday, July 29th

8:30 – 8:45

Symposium Goals Recap

- Recap of yesterday's discussion
- Overview: today's goals

8:45 – 12:00

Restoration Tracking, Tools, & Reporting

8:45 – 9:00

Introduction

9:00 – 10:00

Presentations: project inventories

- NERI—NOAA
- HabITS—FWS

10:00 – 10:15

Q&A/discussion

- Are there any other databases we should be aware of?
- What type of assistance/incentive would be needed to inspire your program to contribute to the national inventory?

10:15 – 10:30

Break

10:30 – 10:45

Introduction: Habitat Restoration Categories

10:45 - 12:00

Performance Measures/Common Reporting Break-out Session

- Questions:
 - When do you claim acres are “restored”?
 - How are performance measures used within each agency?
 - Why don't some agencies use them or have them?
 - What can we do to get a “common” message out?
- Report-out from break-out session

12:00 – 1:15

LUNCH BREAK (on your own)

1:30 – 4:00

Coastal Habitat Restoration Coordination

1:30 – 2:45

Current Interagency Coordination Efforts

1:30 – 1:35

Introduction

1:35 – 2:35

Presentations

- Coastal America
- National Fish Habitat Initiative

2:35 – 2:45

Q&A/discussion

2:45 – 3:00

Break

3:00 – 4:00

Next Steps for Coordination Break-out Session

- Questions:
 - Accountability in Coordination
 - We don't want to go the MOU route...but what can we do to ensure success?
 - Would IPAs (Interagency Personnel Assignments) be useful?
 - Identifying priorities...start at the regional level?
 - What topics should be addressed via new interagency workgroups?
- Report-out from break-out session

4:00 – 4:30

Wrap-up

4:30

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